

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

INTERESTING REPORTS OF SECRETARY AND TREASURER GIVEN.

Session Largely Attended—Election of Officers and Other Business Transacted.

On Monday afternoon, May 12th, 1913, at three o'clock, the twenty-second annual meeting of the Honesdale Improvement Association was held in the City Hall. There was a goodly number of ladies in attendance. Miss Caroline Petersen presided at the meeting. Very encouraging reports were read by the different officers and much interest was shown. The association has been very successful during the past year, and has done much along the lines of improvement and toward beautifying our town. The different reports which were very interesting and encouraging, follow:

Report of Jennie M. Ball, Secretary.

During the year ending May 1, 1913, eleven meetings of the executive committee and one annual meeting, making twelve in number, have been held. As some people do not just understand of whom the executive committee consists, I would state briefly that it is composed of the President, three vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer, nine other members elected at the annual meeting; also the chairman of the Standing Committee and Assistant Secretary.

These mentioned constitute the executive committee, the same meeting regularly, the last Monday of each month, the said meetings having been held in the parlors of Protection Fire Company and in the teachers' room of the High school building.

The places of meetings were very kindly offered the Association by the fire company and Prof. Oday for which we extend to them our sincere thanks.

The Standing Committee of the year, have been the same as last year, namely, Membership, Sanitation, Children's Auxiliary, Flower and Parks. These have met at the call of their respective chairmen. As many letters of inquiry come to us, asking just what work the Association does, I would make answer:

First, all members conscientiously try to keep their own homes and door yards free from all debris, having beautifully kept lawns and gardens. The paper cans placed upon the main streets and public places are kept in repair, emptied and painted, also new ones added as required. The parks are daily looked after by some one, especially employed by the committee, paper and litter of all kinds being taken care of and removed. The fountain in the river, needs no excuse for its being, as its beauty speaks for itself. The flower beds at the street ends, the grass neatly trimmed and benches placed offer attractive sights to the passer-by, who perhaps does not realize how much thought, labor and money is being spent to produce the results so pleasing and restful.

The Association does not always receive from some the credit due it, but were the work to completely stop for one year, the difference would be much in evidence. Civic cleanliness is next to civic righteousness and in fact is a good part of it.

The members of the Association have all been very interested in the splendid work of the Public Library Committee, and have given their aid whenever possible. The Cleaning-up week, the first week of May, being designated as such, is now recognized and kept faithfully.

The effective work of the Children's Auxiliary, Mrs. H. A. Oday chairman, is shown in her report which report, at her request, I will include. The seeds are obtained from the Home Gardening Association, one penny per package.

Report of Mrs. H. A. Oday.

The total seed order for the year 1912 was 4,000 packages of seeds. They were distributed among Honesdale public schools and schools outside the borough.

At a flower show in the H. H. S. building were exhibited the results of the flower and vegetable seeds sold to the children at a penny a packet.

Prizes were awarded as follows: For the most perfect flower in a bouquet, Ruth McMullen; for the largest variety grown by one child, Corolla Thomas; for the most artistic bouquet, Hilda Prosch and Jeanette Burns.

Leah Kimble, Charles Quinney and Julia Crist won the three vegetable prizes.

The flower show was continued into the evening and a musical program was rendered in the H. H. S. room at which time the prizes were given the children—gold seal pins to the girls and pocket knives to the boys.

The bouquets of flowers at the close of the evening's entertainment were boxed and sent to the State hospital in Scranton. The appreciation of the gift is expressed in the following letter: (Copy)

State Hospital, Scranton, Pa.
Principal Public Schools, Honesdale, Pa.

Dear Sir: We received on Saturday night boxes of flowers which have been distributed through the wards of the hospital.

Please convey to the donors my best thanks for their kindness and assure them that their gifts were greatly appreciated by the patients.

Yours truly,
(Signed by Sup't.)

Seed order for this Spring was 4,000 larger than ever before.

MRS. ODAY, Chairman.

The coming Chautauqua has the hearty good will and support of all members of the Association, and who are working and planning that the same may be indeed successful and wide reaching in its influence.

IN THE INTEREST OF PEACE.

Cold Spring Neighbors Come to Law to Settle Grievances, Then Shake Hands and Make Up.

"Love thy neighbor as thyself," was the gist of the altercation that was peacefully settled in Squire Smith's office on Friday morning. The two neighbors thus appealed to were Frank Scudder and Grant Douglas, who live on adjoining farms near Cold Spring. They have not been the best of friends for some time and the affair came to a climax one day last week, according to Scudder, when Douglas stopped him in the road near his home and threatened to maltreat him. Hitching up his horse he came to Honesdale and took out a warrant for Douglas and had Sheriff Kimble serve it on him Thursday. Friday morning they assembled in Squire Smith's office with their attorneys, M. J. Hanlan for Mr. Scudder and M. E. Simons for Mr. Douglas. The attorneys got their heads together and their clients out for a heart to heart talk. After considerable argument pro and con the men were prevailed upon to peacefully settle their difficulties by having Mr. Douglas pay the costs of \$4.80. This he agreed to do but refused to pay any witness fees. It was finally settled by the witnesses donating their services in the interests of neighborly peace and all parted happily.

DAMAGING FROSTS.

During the past three nights heavy frosts have formed. It is feared that the vegetation and fruits to a certain extent is damaged. Ice formed to the thickness of half an inch Saturday night and an inch Sunday night.

Word was received from E. E. Avery, Berlin, Monday morning and he said that he was fearful of his crop of peaches and strawberries. Mr. Avery said he placed some water out Sunday night to get the thickness of ice, should any form, and to his surprise Monday morning he found that it was an inch thick. Mr. Avery has twelve acres of peaches and about an acre of strawberries. The frost did considerable damage to early grapes.

BANKRUPTCY CASE SETTLED.

The Burton L. Holbert bankruptcy case has been settled. The preferred creditors received 68.9 cents on the dollar, while the unsecured creditors have had the pleasure (?) of being told that there is not a cent coming to them.

along educational and social lines.

"Let us all work together" is the motto of the Association and how truly its spirit pervades the organization needs no telling, as it reveals itself constantly. May it continue to grow until it is found in every home, until the whole town may become "one" in its effort for civic cleanliness and beauty.

JENNIE BALL, Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Honesdale Improvement Association For Year Ending May 1, 1913.

RECEIPTS.

Dues for 1912	\$105.85
Card party in Lyric theatre	60.00
Mrs. Loring Gale	25.00
Mr. Mortimer C. Addoms	10.00
July Interest	.40
January Interest	1.64
Miss Petersen, expenses to Rahway	8.00
Fund on deposit, for care of trees	79.65
Balance on hand May 1st, 1912	26.50

Total Receipts \$317.04

EXPENDITURES.

R. R. Gager, work in North Park	\$ 35.00
Christian Schroeder, cutting grass, etc.	33.55
Maple City Green Houses	19.00
O. M. Spettigue, lawn mower, paint, etc.	14.38
William Park, work in Central Park	13.75
J. H. Cornell, watering flower beds in Riverside Park	10.00
Citizen Publishing Co., 500 post cards and printing same	6.50
Annual dues to State Federation	5.00
Robert J. Miller, 2 trees in Central Park and mulching shrubs	3.25
C. Petersen, prizes for flower show, \$2.00, and labor, \$3.15	5.15
Albert Compton, sweeping bridge 15 times	3.00
J. H. Cornell, shrubs	3.00
C. Campbell, carting rubbish	2.50
M. Lee Brame, one load fertilizer	2.00
Mrs. H. A. Oday for flower show	1.84
Albert Compton, painting cans	1.60
Michael Korb, transplanting trees, labor	1.90
Albert Compton, labor	1.35
Erk Bros., cup, chain and labor at drinking fountain	1.30
Graham Watts, paint	.85
Murray & Co., paint	.50
Walter Crist, wedding around monument	.45
W. B. Holmes Co., salt	.35
Mrs. Forman, iris	.25

Total disbursements \$166.47

Balance on hand May 1st, 1913 150.57

Total \$317.04

Respectfully submitted,

TILLIE WEISS, Treas.

After a few remarks by the president, Miss Caroline L. Petersen, Mrs. W. B. Holmes was elected chairman pro tem, after which the different officers were elected for the ensuing year. Same will appear in the next issue of The Citizen, as we were unable to get them at the time of going to press.

TALES OF THE LITTLE OLD STONE JAIL

WHEN in Hawley on Tuesday the writer found the good citizens laughing over Honesdale's experience with Peter Polt and John Stonquert, the two men who climbed right out on the roof of the county jail on Thursday, May 1, and then, like the discontented jail birds that they were, spread their wings and flew away. That is, Polt flew away, but "Frenchy," as Stonquert is called, found that his flying machine, like that of the famous Darius Green, was out of order, and when he came down k'whop! on the hard ground, his leg was broken. It may be stretching the idea a little too much, but there is an uncontrollable temptation right here to quote the couplet that declares as a matter of fact that

"The bird with a broken pinion Will ne'er fly as high again."

Even so with "Frenchy," he will probably never get another chance to spread his wings and things from the top of Wayne County's public treasury building. What made the Hawley people laugh was because Honesdale had been laughing at Hawley for allowing "Frenchy" to desert their lock-up. Constable Ed. Richardson said that it happened like this: "Frenchy" was put in the receptacle all right, and then Mr. Rose, the one who has charge of the building, began removing the ashes from the heating apparatus. While he was absent, some tender-hearted outsider took a hammer, a sledge, or some other equally effective implement and knocked off the lock of "Frenchy's" cell, and that individual vanished from sight. This incident seemed very funny to the people of Honesdale, according to Hawley reports, and when "Frenchy" actually climbed right out of the county jail, with no tender-hearted fellow on the outside to help him do the trick, then it was Hawley's turn, and you could have heard the "merry ha-ha" clear up to the Wangum falls, if not further.

"And that reminds me," said Milford F. Dorin, when he heard of the flight of Polt and "Frenchy," "of a little experience of my own in trying to catch a flying jail-bird when my father was Sheriff."

"Did you catch him?"

"Bet your life I caught him. You see, it was this way: Away back in—well never mind the exact year, but I know I had just got married, and one doesn't forget that event right away—well away back there—let's call it, say, 1870—there was something doing among the farmers of Old Wayne. Farmers killed and consumed more beef than they did now, and an enterprising man whose name I forget used to go out with horse and wagon and steal the farmer's hides—not their own hides, but the hides of the beef cattle they had slaughtered, and he brought them into Honesdale by the wagon load and sold them to our local hide dealer. It sure was a money-making

"The Citizen acknowledges with pleasure the receipt of a fine copy of 'A Summer Paradise,' published by the Delaware and Hudson company. The book has an embossed cover with a small insignia representing a small breaker in the background with a miner standing on one side of the 'D. & H.' trademark and a trainman on the opposite side. The Delaware and Hudson is underneath on a ribbon scroll. The book is replete with definite, accurate information about hotels, boarding houses and other points of interest. The general text is prepared in an interesting way and continues to fill the requirements of the summer tourist. It contains a number of fine half-tone illustrations of the different places of interest along the D. & H. line. Honesdale is well represented by a number of boarding houses. A historical sketch of the Stourbridge Lion, the first locomotive to run on the American continent, which occurred at Honesdale August 8, 1829, is given. For 6 cents a copy will be sent to any address by A. A. Heard, general passenger agent, Albany, N. Y."

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scheme, all right; but he was suspected, watched, and finally he was arrested with the goods right in his possession. Father brought him into town, horse, wagon, hides and all, and locked him up for safe keeping. The hearing was held before Squire MacIntosh, who committed him to jail in default of bail to stand for trial at the next term of court.

"The gate leading to the Sheriff's residence was one of the old-time wooden affairs that closed itself by means of an iron ball on a chain one end of which was fastened to the gate and the other to a tall post. When father reached the gate he let loose of his prisoner to open the gate, and no sooner had he done so than the fellow sprang away like a rocket and was off for liberty and a lodge in some vast wilderness. As he lit out for parts that he hoped would be unknown to the Wayne county officials, father gave a yell and started in pursuit.

"I was sitting at an open window when father hollered and the chase began. It was in June, and the day was hot. Knowing something was going wrong I sprang out of the house and leaped over the fence. I saw the running man peeling off his coat and legging it for all he was worth. Father was doing the best he could, but he was not a young man any more, and easily became winded. Others were taking up the chase, and I lit right out after the bare headed and coatless figure in the lead.

"As I passed father he yelled words of encouragement to me, such as 'Run, little Dorin! That's right! Run! Run! Run!' and I did my best. At that time there was a bridge at the foot of 10th street, and there was where the man threw away his coat. After crossing the bridge the chase led up the river road, and there was a procession of just about twelve of us, all running for dear life on a hot June day. When we were nearing the brewery I was about tuckered out, so was the man ahead, while the tail-enders were all walking along, pulling like everything and enjoying the scenery. The man quit running, and I made one big effort to keep going and caught up with him. I was too weak to call out to him in the regulation novel way, 'halt! you villain! Another step and you die like a dog!' I felt more like taking a drink of buttermilk and keeping still. What I did was to throw my arms around him and hold him till the others came up. He begged me to let him go, and he offered me two hundred dollars in cash he had on his person, and said I might have his horse and wagon as my own if I would only allow him to escape.

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CAUGHT IN SHAFTING: SEVERELY INJURED.

Elton Compton Has Clothes Torn From Body When Foot Caught in Pulley Wheel in Cole & John's Saw Mill.

Elton Compton, aged thirty-five years, employed at the Cole & John's saw mill, which is located in Indian Orchard, on the DeCatur Holbert farm, had his clothes caught in a low shafting early Saturday morning and every strip of clothing was torn from his body except his shirt and in addition to this he sustained very severe injuries about the abdomen.

Compton was employed as a tail starter at the mill and went to work about seven o'clock Saturday morning. Half an hour later he removed his coat and in order to hang it up he had to step over a low shafting. In doing this his trousers were caught in the wheel and twisted off. Compton tried to pull himself away but the effort was useless and he was dragged farther into the wheel. The twisting of the clothes as they were torn from the body caught the flesh near the abdomen and tore a considerable portion of the skin. There were several bruises on his limbs. The wounds were very painful but the man was not rendered unconscious. Edward Cole, one of the owners of the mill, was in the room at the time, and came to the man's assistance. He brought the man to Honesdale in an auto where Drs. Ely and McConville gave their attention to the case. The man was put under the influence of ether while a slight operation was performed. The doctors state that Compton will be unable to do any work for several weeks. He has a wife and family at Indian Orchard.

STOCKHOLDERS WANT RECEIVER APPOINTED.

Levi Penwarden Through Attorney Hlof Makes Application Before Judge Searle This Afternoon.

Peter H. Hlof, as the attorney for Levi W. Penwarden, a stockholder in the Honesdale Footwear company, presented a petition before the court today asking for the appointment of a receiver for the Honesdale Footwear Company to take charge of the affairs of the company. The action is being brought for the purpose of getting the insurance amounting to about \$29,000 for distribution among the preferred stockholders of the company. The plant of the Honesdale Footwear company burned on February 21st last and the insurance has not been paid because of the